

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-10, 13-22, and 25-32 will be pending in the present application. Claims 11-12, 23-24, and 33-34 have been canceled. Claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to incorporate the elements recited in canceled claims 11-12, 23-24, and 33-34. Claims 8-10 and 20-22 have been amended to correct informalities in light of amendments to claims 1, 13, and 25. Amendments to the claims are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any of the canceled claims and any of the amended claims in their original form in a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

Allowed Claims

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that dependent claims 12, 24, and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to incorporate the elements recited in dependent claims 12, 24, and 34, which have been canceled, along with the elements recited in the claims from which they depend from, i.e., claims 11, 23, and 33, which have also been canceled.

Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 13, and 25, as amended, and the claims that depend therefrom, are in proper form for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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